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SUMMARY: GOJ RESPONSE ON ASSOCIATION WITH CCMS, THOUGH MINIMALLY COMMITAL, WILL PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ABSENCE OF MIYAZAKI, CHARGE CALLED ON YUTAKA NOMURA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF, ON JUNE 24 TO RECEIVE GOJ ANSWER ON PARTICIPATION IN CCMS PROJECTS. NOMURA FIRST MADE POINT THAT IN PRINCIPLE, FOR THE MANY USEFUL CCMS PROJECTS, GOJ STILL WOULD PREFER OECD AS MORE APPROPRIATE CHANNEL FOR COOPERATION. HOWEVER, GOJ IS PREPARED TO DECIDE ON GOJ PARTICIPATION IN EACH CCMS PROJECT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. IN STUDYING EACH PROJECT, GOJ WOULD HAVE TO DETERMINE THAT: A) PARTICIPATION WOULD BE NECESSARY AND WELL-ADVISED FOR GOJ NATIONAL INTEREST AND THAT B) RESULTS WOULD NOT BE UTILIZED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

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2. NUMURA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT, IF GOJ PARTICIPATES, USG WOULD GIVE DUE AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO FACT GOJ NOT A MEMBER OF NATO, PARTICULARLY IN HANDLING PUBLICITY. NOMURA STRESSED THAT AVOIDING CONNECTION WITH NATO IMPORTANT IF GOJ TO AVOID POSSIBLE ATTACKS IN DIET.

3. NOMURA SAID THAT BILATERAL AGREEMENTS MENTIONED IN US TALKING PAPER (REFTEL C) WOULD BE ONE WAY TO MEET GOJ REQUIREMENTS, DEPENDING ON CASE. IN ANSWER TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION, NOMURA SAID THAT CONCLUSION OF A BILATERAL MOU WITH US WOULD MEAN NO FURTHER PERMISSION NECESSARY FOR IMPLEMENTING AGENCY TO PARTICIPATE IN INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, NOMURA ASKED THAT ANY CCMS PROJECT BE BROUGHT TO FONOFF FIRST, FOR CONSIDERATION OUTLINED ABOVE.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: GOJ RESPONSE IS ENCOURAGING AND REPRESENTS ABOUT THE MOST THAT COULD BE EXPECTED, IN VIEW OF JAPAN'S FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED "NATO ALLERGY". THOUGH REPRESENTING NO COMMITMENT ON PART OF GOJ, RESPONSE DOES PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATION OF EACH CCMS PROJECT. ALTHOUGH BILATERAL MOU WAS ONLY FORM OF ASSOCIATION MENTIONED, IMPLICATION WAS THAT OTHER FORMS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. END COMMENT.

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